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the following imports of natural rubber from China were dispatched via East Germany/China between April and July 1954:

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Month	Number of Imports	Tons
April	40	593
May	29	433
June	22	527
July	28	175

It was learned that the shipments in April were the first rubber imports from China.

Comment. The Baltic rubber is probably used as an input for synthetic rubber producer in the GDR. In April and May, two 100-ton boats with a load capacity of 15 tons had been used. The occasional use of one used number of tons on only a few more cars tends to indicate that 10-ton boats with a load capacity of 20 to 25 tons were used in June and July.

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